



## MMS Band! - Fun, Friends & Great Music!

### General Information

- The MMS Concert Band is open to all students currently in the JMUES Band.
- The MMS Concert Band is also open to any student who currently takes private music lessons on a wind or percussion instrument, and has achieved the knowledge and skills necessary for potential success in the middle school band. These students must schedule a "playing interview" with Mrs. Levine before the end of your 6<sup>th</sup> grade year, prior to enrollment.
- The Concert Band is not able to accept piano, bass, guitar or stringed instruments. (Piano, bass, and guitar students may audition for Jazz Band!)
- The Concert Band is not able to accept beginning band students. However, students wishing to start an instrument can study privately (through private music lessons) and will be able to join the band as soon as they reach the skill and knowledge level necessary for potential success in the middle school band.
- Band Schedule - We currently rehearse 4 days a week: Mondays 7:00-7:27; Tuesdays/Wednesday/Fridays 7:00-8:00. All band students, even those on buses that arrive after 7:00, can still be in band. Students simply come directly to band room when they arrive at school on band days.
- Students are permitted to participate in both band and chorus.
- We usually have 5 major performances during the year - MHS Football Game, Winter Concert, Large Group Festival, Cavalcade of Bands, and Spring Concert.
- Band is a graded subject. Grades are reported on quarterly grade cards with all other academic subjects.
- All band students receive 1 quarter of small group lessons during the school day (in place of General Music).
- Lots of additional musical opportunities (Jazz Band, Solo and Ensemble Festival, Honor Band Festivals, etc.).
- Fun, friends, and great music - what a great combination!

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact me at 424-6289 or [holly.levine@sau26.org](mailto:holly.levine@sau26.org).

Thanks! Hope to see you!

-Mrs. Levine